

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) Mobile stretcher comprising a bed face on a frame provided with a head-end and a foot-end, the foot-end being provided with a fixedly arranged rack, which carries at least one medical instrument as well as that the rack is formed so that the medical instrument carried by the rack is located midwise above the foot-end, **characterized in that** the rack is formed so that no part of the rack constitutes an obstacle for handling the legs and feet of a patient upon movement and medical actions and arranged to co-operate with a spineboard transversally insertable under the rack as well as arranged to be locked to the bed face of the frame, so that the patient may be lifted up on the stretcher generally laterally in a stretched-out position without the rack or instrumentation blocking the patient.
2. (Previously Presented) Mobile stretcher according to claim 1, **characterized in that** the rack is formed so that the bottom side of said medical instrument is situated at a distance  $h$  above the bed face, where  $30\text{ cm} \leq h \leq 50\text{ cm}$ .
3. (Previously Presented) Mobile stretcher according to claim 1, **characterized in that** the rack is provided with two rear support legs fixedly arranged on each side of the frame and substantially leaning against the bed face of the frame for carrying the instrument.
4. (Previously Presented) Mobile stretcher according to claim 3, **characterized in that** each such support leg is provided with a support part that is substantially parallel to the bed face of the frame and that extends forwards towards the head-end of the stretcher.

5. (Previously Presented) Mobile stretcher according to claim 4, **characterized in that** a front end of at least one support part is provided with a front support leg, which is arranged to supportingly abut leaningly towards the bed face of the frame.

6. (Currently Amended) Mobile stretcher ~~according to claim 5,~~comprising a bed face on a frame provided with a head-end and a foot-end, the foot-end being provided with a fixedly arranged rack, which carries at least one medical instrument as well as that the rack is formed so that the medical instrument carried by the rack is located midwise above the foot-end, **characterized in that**

the rack is arranged to co-operate with a spineboard transversally insertable under the rack as well as arranged to be locked to the bed face of the frame,

each such support leg is provided with a support part that is substantially parallel to the bed face of the frame and that extends forwards towards the head-end of the stretcher,

a front end of at least one support part is provided with a front support leg, which is arranged to supportingly abut leaningly towards the bed face of the frame, and

~~characterized in that~~ the front support leg in one end thereof is turnably mounted in the front end of the support part or in the frame in order to at least enable a turning backwards to a position parallel to the bed face.

7. (Previously Presented) Mobile stretcher according to claim 6, **characterized in that** the front support leg in the other end thereof is provided with a locking device, which enables fixation of the support leg against the bed face of the frame.

8. (Previously Presented) Mobile stretcher according to claim 3, **characterized in that** the rack is provided with at least one transverse support member for supporting the parallel support parts and against which the instrument is arranged to be supported and also fixed.

9. (Previously Presented) Mobile stretcher according to claim 1, **characterized in that** the rack is provided with at least one crash bow, which surrounds the sides and the top side of the medical instrument.

10. (Previously Presented) Mobile stretcher according to claim 9, **characterized in that** the crash bow is provided with a longitudinal protective bow.

11. (New) A mobile stretcher comprising:

a frame comprised of a head-end and a foot-end,

a bed face positioned on the frame,

a rack that carries at least one medical instrument, the rack being mounted on the foot-end of the frame so that the medical instrument is located midway above the foot-end of the frame,

a spineboard that can be placed on the bed face positioned on the frame,

the rack being comprised of two rear support legs and two front support legs,

each rear support leg being fixedly attached to a corresponding side of the frame and substantially leaning against the bed face on the frame to support without the front legs the medical instrument, and including a support part that is substantially parallel to the bed face of the frame so as to extend forward towards the head-end of the frame and position the medical instrument a predetermined distance above the bed face,

each front support leg being individually lockable to the frame when in a lowered position and individually foldable in an upward and backward direction towards the foot-end of the frame,

the front legs being foldable and the rear support legs being positioned on the frame so that no part of the rack or the medical instrumentation constitutes an obstacle to a patient's legs and feet who is lifted laterally onto the stretcher generally in a stretched-

out position or to the spineboard when transversally inserted under the rack and onto the bed face of the frame.

12. (New) The mobile stretcher of claim 11, wherein each of the front support legs is individually, turnably mounted in a front end of a corresponding support part to enable the front support leg to be foldable in the backward direction.

13. (New) The mobile stretcher of claim 11, wherein a front end of each of the support parts is connected to a corresponding front support leg, which supportingly abuts the support part at an angle with respect to the bed face of the frame.

14. (New) The mobile stretcher of claim 11, wherein each of the front support legs includes a locking device, which enables fixation of the support leg to the frame at an angle with respect to the bed face of the frame.

15. (New) The mobile stretcher of claim 11, wherein the rack is provided with at least one transverse support member for supporting the support parts in a substantially parallel orientation and to which and by which the medical instrument is attached and supported, respectively.

16. (New) The mobile stretcher of claim 11, wherein the rack includes at least one crash bow, which surrounds the medical instrument's sides and top.

17. (New) The mobile stretcher of claim 11, wherein the rack includes front and rear crash bows, which surround the medical instrument's sides and top.

18. (New) The mobile stretcher of claim 11, wherein the rack includes a shelf on which instruments may be carried.

19. (New) The mobile stretcher of claim 18, wherein the rack includes a first crash bow that is connected laterally to the shelf to protect the instruments being carried by the shelf.

20. (New) The mobile stretcher of claim 19, wherein the rack includes a second crash bow that is connected longitudinally to the shelf to protect the instruments being carried by the shelf.